sumer Cooperative Federation (NCCF), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) and Tea Trading Corporation etc. would provide assistance, if required, in the procurement of these commodities and make them available to the States/UTs.

Abolition of Bonded and Child Labour

*118. SHRI SOM PAL:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Constitution provides to children a Fundamental Right against forced labour and employment in any factory, mine or any other hazardous employment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of children are working in various industries;

(c) if so, what is the estimated number of such children industry-wise and vocation-wise;

(d) whether it is also fact that developed countries like the USA are bringing legislations to impose a ban on importing items being manufactured by such industries which are employing children:

(e) whether any action plan has been formulated by the Government of India to do away with child labour;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof;

(g) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(h) what is the number of bonded labourers in India; and

(f) what steps are being taken for their identification and rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No Survey has been conducted which reveals child labour industry-wise and vocation-wise.

(d) A private member's bill to this effect is understood to have been moved in the US Senate.

(e) to (g) Since total abolition of child labour is not presently considered feasible steps are being taken towards its progressive elimination.

(h) As on 31-3-92 a total of 2,50,289 bonded labourers have been identified and freed.

(i) The Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 provides for identification and abolition of bonded labour. The number of bonded labour rehabilitated till 31-3-92 is 2,23,141. With a view to supplement their efforts 50 per cent grant is given to State Governments under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for rehabilitation of bonded labour. Under the scheme, financial assistance is given at the rate of Rs. 6250 per bonded labour w.e.f. 1-2-1986.

देश में कोयला खानें

*119 श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में कुल कितनी कोयला खानें हैं ;

(ख) इन खानों में कितने व्यक्ति काम कर रहे हैं ; और

(ग) पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान इन खानों से प्रतिवर्ष निकाले गए कोयले का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) : : (क) कोल इंडिया लि. (को. इं. लि.) के अनुसार ऐसी कोयला खानें जहां कि खनन कार्य किया जा रहा है उनकी कुल संख्या 449 हैं । इसके अलावा सिंगरेनी कोलियरीज कंपनी लि. (सिं. को. कं. लि.) (जोकि